

Application No. 10/014,452

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 25 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 19 therein. Claim 19 has thereby been cancelled.

Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

The Examiner states that the claims are rejected over Parker in view of Arnold. In the rejection, claim 19, which includes the recitation of using oxalic acid as a crosslinking agent, has been rejected. The Examiner states that Arnold, et al. teaches use of an oxalic acid as a crosslinking agent at col. 2, lines 40-41. However, col. 2, lines 36-40 of the reference teaches that acids can be included in the polyimide resin. The acids suggested for use include acetic, propionic, and fatty monomeric acids such as tall oil acids, oleic, stearic, linoleic, and residual monomeric fat acids from polymerizing fatty acids. Oxalic acid is not listed. Therefore, the primary and secondary references do not teach or suggest use of oxalic acid as a crosslinking agent in a polyimide adhesive as claimed.

Applicants submit that none of the references, including Parker, et al., Arnold, et al., Schlueter, Jr., et al., and Yamasaki teach or suggest the combination as claimed, including an endless seamed flexible belt comprising a polyimide substrate and a seam, wherein the seam comprises an adhesive including a polymer, oxalic acid, and a plasticizer as listed in claims 1 and 25. Applicants further point to the Examples set forth in the present application, wherein oxalic acid was used as a crosslinker. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the present claims are not obvious in view of the cited references.

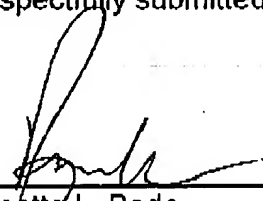
Applicants submit that in view of the above, all claims should now be in condition for allowance. Early indication of allowability is respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

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In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, s/he is hereby authorized to call Applicant's Attorney, Annette L. Bade, at telephone number (310) 333-3682.

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